## National Arts Facts

### Arts & Culture Sector's Percentage of U.S. Economy (Artists, University Art, Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

**Arts & Culture Sector Represents 4.5% of Nation's GDP & 5.1 Million Jobs**

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that nationally the arts and culture sector is a $878 billion industry, representing 4.5% of the nation’s GDP—a larger share of the economy than construction or education services.


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### Number of Arts-Related Businesses and Jobs (Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

Nationally 673,656 businesses employ 3.48 million people who are involved in the creation or distribution of the arts. Based on Dun & Bradstreet data, this means that 3.9% of all businesses and 1.9% of all employees are connected to the creative industries.

Source: Americans for the Arts, Creative Industries, 2017.

- 673,656 businesses
- 3.48M employees

### Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts Organizations & Their Audiences

Nationally, the nonprofit arts industry alone generates $166.3 billion in economic activity annually that supports 4.6 million jobs and generates $27.5 billion in federal, state, and local government revenue.

- Spending by arts audiences generated $102.5 billion to local businesses.


### Nonprofit Art is a Driver of Our National, State & Local Economy

**Nonprofit Art is a $166.3 Billion Driver of Our National, State & Local Economy.**

### Public Investment in Grants to Nonprofit Arts Organizations & Artists

Q: So how much is the federal government investing in the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)?

A: Congress has proposed allocating $162.25 million to the NEA in FY 2020, which has been relatively level for the last several years. This amounts to just 49¢ per capita, yet the nonprofit arts industry generates over $13 billion in federal tax revenue back to the treasury. Imagine what nonprofit arts groups could generate with $1 per capita!


### Funding

Q: What about North Carolina—how much does state government allocate to the North Carolina Arts Council each year?

A: In FY 2020, the state allocated $8,277,787 to the NC Arts Council. The NC Arts Council also received $968,400 in federal NEA funds, which the Council re-granted to dozens cultural organizations throughout the state. Another 58 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $1,228,500.


### North Carolina Arts Facts

**North Carolina Arts Sector Represents 2.9% of State’s GDP & 124,418 Jobs**

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributes $15.3 billion to North Carolina’s economy, representing 2.9% of the state’s GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.


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### Business & Employment

In North Carolina, 11,561 creative establishments employ 196,548 people.

- 3% of the NC workforce has jobs in creative industries.
- North Carolina’s Creative Industry includes 37,616 artist entrepreneurs.
- Jobs in creative occupations increased 27% since 2006 to 161,105 direct jobs in all industries.


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### Economic Impact

In 2015, nonprofit arts organizations in the state generated $2.1 billion in economic activity annually that supported 71,977 jobs and generated $201.5 million in state and local government revenue.

- Arts audiences spend $1.18 Billion annually in addition to admission cost.


**Nonprofit Art is a $2.1 Billion Driver of Just One of Our Local Economies.**

### Economic Data

As of 3/27/2020
“For 50 years, the North Carolina Arts Council has invested in artists and arts organizations to create a strong arts infrastructure that reaches every corner of our state. We know that you believe, as we do, that the arts make North Carolina a great state to live and work.”
—North Carolina Arts Council

NORTH CAROLINA ARTS FACTS

IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE ARTS UNITE US
Research shows that students’ overall school performance increases in A+ Schools. With their arts-integrated curricula, A+ schools report improved attendance, fewer disciplinary problems, stronger teacher satisfaction and higher levels of community and parental involvement.

THE NORTH CAROLINA ARTS COUNCIL launched its work in 1967 as awareness of the importance of arts to all citizens was becoming a national movement. Our state’s arts infrastructure reaches into all 100 counties through one of the most highly developed and effective networks of local arts councils in our nation. An abundance of outstanding artists and arts organizations continues to enrich our communities. Artists and institutions improve quality of life, educate and inspire our youth, and stimulate an extraordinary amount of economic activity.
> Learn more here.

MEET SOME NORTH CAROLINA ARTS ADVOCATES
- **Stephen Hill** is Founder of Mother Earth Brewing, Discovery Insurance Company and smART Kinston. Chair of the NC Arts Council Board, he also led the Community Council for the Arts Board in Kinston. > More
- **Robin Branstrom** has led the boards of the Charlotte Symphony, Charlotte Ballet, Children’s Theatre of Charlotte and the NC Arts Council. > More
- **Michael Tiemann** is an open source software pioneer and entrepreneur, owner of Manifold Recording, and was the Chair of the UNC School of the Arts Board of Trustees. > More
- **John Brown** is an accomplished jazz bassist and composer as well as a prolific educator and actor who has a history of partnerships to promote and execute arts advocacy. > More
- **Tamara Holmes-Brothers** is a member of the NC African-American Heritage Commission, Secretary of the NC Arts Council Foundation, member of the NC National Register Advisory Council as well as the Director of Development & Major Gifts at the Nasher Museum of Art. > More

ART IN NORTH CAROLINA
- The North Carolina Arts Council lists the best art museums and galleries here.
- Guides to music and literary exploration along Arts Trails are here.
- Renowned artists with North Carolina roots share their stories here.

NORTH CAROLINA ART ORGANIZATIONS
- Arts North Carolina
  artsnc.org
- North Carolina Arts Council
  NCArts.org
- North Carolina Arts Council Foundation
  artsfoundationnc.info

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!
- The North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources offers a [guide to Cultural Trails](https://www.culturalresourcesnc.org/trails/)—to wonderful crafts, performing arts, African-American music, and Blue Ridge music. The examples below are only a small sample of the state’s countless cultural offerings.
- From Asheville, where the River Arts District features artist studios, explore crafts and traditional music venues in the surrounding mountains.
- Head southeast to Charlotte for world-class museums, music and theater and the Romare Bearden Park.
- Move north to Winston-Salem, home of the nation’s first Arts Council and UNC School of the Arts, then to Greensboro for a downtown rich in arts and civil rights history.
- Go east to Raleigh and Durham to find public art installations, nationally recognized museums and performing arts.
- Further East is Kinston where the downtown offers artist spaces and a music park and nearby in Wilson visit the Vollis Simpson Whirligig Park and renovated gallery spaces.
- Drive southeast to Wilmington to enjoy historic arts spaces and contemporary exhibitions.

To View the Top 10 Reasons to Support the Arts, Click Here.

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